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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: K. YASUDA et al.
Serial No. 09/790,872
Filed: February 23, 2001

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POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)

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Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 CFR §1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/790,872, filed on February 23, 2001, entitled POLYNUCLEOTIDE SEPARATION METHOD AND APPARATUS THEREFOR, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.

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CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

6. The above-referenced patent application is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 9/780,872, filed February 23, 2001, which is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No. 09/666,883, filed on September 20, 2000, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/522,465, filed on March 9, 2000 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,218,126), which is a continuation of Serial No. 09/329,318 filed on June 10, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,093,370), from which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. This application is related to U.S. Serial No. 10/003,305, filed on December 6, 2001, and U.S. Serial No. 10/003,530, filed on December 6, 2001.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-five(25) sheets,
Figs. 1-32D.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration
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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

7. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd..

8. Priority of the following Japanese patent application
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 10-163213, filed June 11, 1998;
No. 10-330536, filed November 20, 1998;
No. 10-364059, filed December 22, 1998; and
No. 11-018004, filed January 27, 1999.

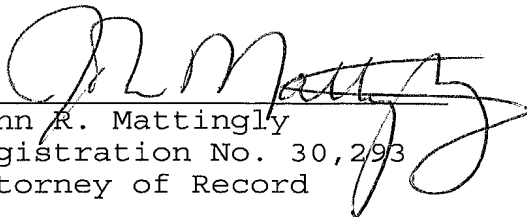
The certified priority document has been filed in the parent
application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained
in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed
in the present continuation application would have been new

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matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/790,872, as originally filed on February 23, 2001.


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